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## UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

Granite Rock Company; John Orcutt; Martha Edwards; Arthur Wilson Woolpert, Notice shareholder,

Plaintiffs-Appellants,

v.

United States of America,

Defendant-Appellee.

No. 03-15485 D.C. No. CV-01-21044-JW ORDER

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Northern District of California James Ware, District Judge, Presiding

Argued and Submitted May 12, 2004—San Francisco, California

Filed June 9, 2004

Before: Diarmuid F. O'Scannlain, Eugene E. Siler, Jr.,\* and Michael Daly Hawkins, Circuit Judges.

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<sup>\*</sup>The Honorable Eugene E. Siler, Jr., Senior United States Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, sitting by designation.

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## **ORDER**

We affirm for the reasons stated in Judge Ware's published opinion, 243 F. Supp. 2d 1059 (N.D. Cal. 2003).

AFFIRMED.

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